

ORFORDVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God.

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 18, 2020

9:00 a.m.

Parking Lot Service



SERVICE OF THE WORD

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Faithful God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways.

We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves.

We place our own needs before those of our neighbors.

We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves.

Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own. Hear the truth that God proclaims: Your sins are forgiven in the name of ✝ Jesus Christ. Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness to do God's work in the world.

Amen.

Apostolic Greeting

The grace of God the Creator, the Love Christ the Redeemer, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter be with you all. **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

First Reading: *Isaiah 45:1-7* (Contemporary English Version)

The prophet announces that Cyrus the Persian emperor is the one the LORD has anointed to end Israel's exile. The LORD makes this choice so that the whole world will recognize this LORD as the only God. Persia had a god of light and a god of darkness; the LORD claims sovereignty over both light and darkness.

The Lord said to Cyrus, his chosen one:

I have taken hold

of your right hand

to help you capture nations

and remove kings from power.

City gates will open for you;

not one will stay closed.

2 As I lead you,

I will level mountains

and break the iron bars

on bronze gates of cities.

3 I will give you treasures

hidden in dark

and secret places.

Then you will know that I,

the Lord God of Israel,

have called you by name.

4 Cyrus, you don't even know me!

But I have called you by name

and highly honored you

because of Israel,

my chosen servant.

5 Only I am the Lord!

There are no other gods.

I have made you strong,

though you don't know me.

6 Now everyone from east to west

will learn that I am the Lord.

No other gods are real.

7 I create light and darkness,

happiness and sorrow.

I, the Lord, do all of this.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. Shine like stars in the world, holding fast to the word of life.

Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:15-22 (NRSV)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 22nd chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

After Jesus begins teaching in the temple, religious leaders try to trap him with questions. First, they ask if God's people should pay taxes to an earthly tyrant like Caesar.

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know

that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?"

¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" ²¹They answered, "The emperor's."

Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Humm of the Day You Servants of God ELW No. 825 (vss. 1, 3, 4)

1 You servants of God, your Master proclaim,
and publish abroad his wonderful name;
the name, all-victorious, of Jesus extol;
his kingdom is glorious and rules over all!

3 Salvation to God who sits on the throne!
Let all cry aloud and honor the Son.
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
fall down on their faces, and worship the
Lamb.

4 Then let us adore and give him his right,
all glory and pow'r and wisdom and might,
all honor and blessing, with angels above,
and thanks never ceasing, and infinite love!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.

Offering Message

God looks upon your face.
God assures you when nothing else can.
"My presence will go with you", God says.
"I will give you rest", God prays.
Let us carry this spirit into our giving.
By grace God has provided for us that we
would do ministry from our own hands
and through the hands of those especially skilled.

Prayers of Intercession

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

SENDING

Announcements

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace.
Amen.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Remember the poor.
Thanks be to God.

Offering – October 11, 2020

Current: \$1,510.00



Please remember in prayer:

- All our friends who cannot be with us today due to health, employment, or other circumstances.
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